no office, administrative and supportive staff, individual rooms for the faculty members, staff room for the guest faculty and infrastructure and has only meagre budgetary support?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the University of Delhi, while there are two faculty members posted in the South Campus Extension of the Department of Commerce, the University has advertised to fill up two vacant positions. In the meanwhile, the teaching responsibilities are shared by the University college teachers and visiting faculties from the Department of Commerce, University of Delhi.

(c) The University has reported that the Department of Commerce of the University has necessary infrastructure facilities, budgetary support and administrative staff.

Teaching Urdu in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas

1351. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of **HUMAN** RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Urdu language is not being taught in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas and whether large segment of population in the country speak and write Urdu: and

(b) if so, the reasons for not teaching Urdu in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas and arrangements made for teaching Urdu in these Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per 1991 census, 5.18% of the population in the country speak Urdu. This figure however, does not include the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Urdu language is being taught in 23 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. As per the provisions of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Education Code, students may opt any subject as prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, including Urdu, provided 15 or more students opt for the same. At present, Urdu is not being taught as a subject in any Kendriya Vidyalaya.